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Newsletter #131:

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It has been a wild time lately in the auction world. I've traveled to three countries and four cities. I've viewed thousands of coins and bid in three auctions. It has been tremendously tiring but very rewarding for me and some of my clients. The Fall auctions in Europe are exciting times for anyone interested in ancient coin and world coins. Typically after the long relaxing summer most auction houses have assembled some great material and Fall is the time to sell. The next big time will be the New York International at the start of the new year. There is a lot coming up so see below for more details.

Leu 5 (Live floor auction in Zurich, 27 Oct)

Leu is conducting their fifth floor auction in Zurich with 620 lots. I've recently received a heavy box of hard bound catalogs so if you want one please contact me soon as the auction is just around the corner. The auction is half Greek and half Roman coins. A very even split. As with previous auctions there are some very high quality examples being offered. There is a nice group of hektes, some with unusual imagery in the sale. For example, lot 133 is a mother seal with a baby seal below. The coin is apparently unpublished and not found in the standard references. There is also a section of Armenian coins which have been mostly a specialist area. The past few Leu sales have seen a lot of action on the floor when the Armenian section opens. I imagine this will be no different. The last lot of the auction is the Dactyliotheca of Federico Dolce. For those of you that don't know (I didn't), a Dactyliotheca is a case where one keeps seals or gems. As written up in the catalog, it "emerged in the mid-18th century as a convenient form of studying, and showing off, classical art in the form of gemstone". This impressive work of art has four volumes.

I will be participating live in the Leu auction so please get in touch if you need auction representation.

Peus 425 (Live floor auction in Frankfurt, 7-8 Nov)

Peus has two days of auctions with 2,271 lots. This auction features a large section of Celtic coinage (200 lots) and almost all with known pedigrees dating back 30+ years. The Greek section has some wonderful gold, many fractional, also pedigreed. Peus has named this collection Aurum Graecum. The collector obviously bought privately and in auction as some of the coins had pedigrees before the purchase by the collector and others just note the collection. Another major part of the catalog is dedicated to the "Sammlung eines Frankfurter Römerfreundes" (A Frankfurt "friend of Rome" collection). This consists of early Roman Republican bronze coinage. If you are a fan of aes grave then check this catalog out. It has some compelling material. As in last year's catalog, Peus is offering a number of Judaica lots which I found interesting. This group is composed mainly of medals but they offer a well known schraubmedaille (screw medal) which has the story of Joseph Oppenheimer or better known as Jud Süss, a German-Jewish banker and court Jew under the Duke of Württemberg in the 1730's. The story within the medal is the true story of how after the Duke died Oppenheimer was tried and executed and then his body hung for 6 years in a cage on a square just outside of Stuttgart. On an aside note, Oppenheimer was executed in 1738 and the legal documents surrounding his execution were sealed until 1918!

I am participating in the Peus auction so please get in touch if you need representation.

Nomos 19 (Life floor auction in Zurich, 17 Nov)

The Nomos auction has just gone live on Sixbid and Numisbids. There are 478 lots in this auction. I was able to go through most of the lots while I was in Zurich for the NAC auction just a few weeks ago. There are some great rarities like lot 73, a gold stater from the Chalcidian League, circa 352-350 BC. According to the write-up from Nomos, this coin served as a prototype for the coins of Philip II. There are several coins with nice pedigrees, like lot 149, a beautiful example from Teos and with a pedigree back to 1978 from Münzen und Medaillen 54, as well as being on the cover of that catalog. If you like fractional silver then check out lots 183 and 194, not terribly expensive but beautifully executed. If you collect Roman than check out lot 280, the impressive Commodus medaillon. There is plenty to admire in this upcoming sale.

I will be participating in the Nomos sale so please get in touch if you need representation.

Upcoming Trade Show - Whitman Baltimore Expo (14-17 Nov)

The Whitman Baltimore Expo will be taking place from November 14-17. I will be exhibiting at this show. Last year I was unable to exhibit or attend so I'm happy to get back there. The Baltimore show has a nice selection of ancient and world dealers attending so if you are close or want a weekend of coins then please consider coming. I'll give details on my table number as it gets closer. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you there and bringing new inventory that I acquired during the Fall sales. For my information on the Expo check out this site: http://expo.whitman.com/

Coin of the Week

German States. Saxony. Friedrich August III. 1908.
Muldenhutten. 3 Mark. "Friedrich August King of Saxon" Bust facing right / "German Empire 1908" Eagle with outstretched wings and crown above head; decorative pattern below.

References: KM1267, J-135

Grade: Previously encapsulated and graded PR66 DCAM by PCGS. Coin is accompanied by the PCGS grading for those interested. Beautiful reddish toning on obverse. Reverse has lustrous surfaces

Price: $1,450

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Buy Coin

Friedrich August III was the last king of Saxony and from the House of Wettin. The House of Wettin dates back to 1030 AD and ruled over parts of present day Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia. Although Friedrich was beloved he eventually abdicated his throne in 1918 after the defeat of the German army in the First World War.

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